

(n) By March 9, 1992, North Dakota shall submit proposed revisions to NDAC 69-05.2-08-15(3)(a) or other revision to require the submission of site-specific fish and wildlife resource information when the permit or adjacent areas are likely to include species listed or proposed to be listed by North Dakota under State statutes similar to the Endangered Species Act, to be no less effective than 30 CFR 780.16(a)(2)(i).

(o)-(x) [Reserved]

(y) By September 20, 1994, North Dakota shall submit proposed revisions to NDCC 38-12.1-08 to (1) specifically address the circumstances under which a corporate director, officer, or agent may be individually subject to either civil or criminal penalties in connection with a violation committed by a corporate permittee; and (2) require that, in addition to violations, failure or refusal to comply with orders, as listed in section 518(f) of SMCRA and issued by the North Dakota Industrial Commission, serves as an additional basis for imposing individual civil and criminal penalties upon corporate officers, directors, and agents.

(z) By September 20, 1994, North Dakota shall submit proposed revisions to NDAC 43-02-01-05 to specifically address the circumstances under which a corporate director, officer or agent may be individually subject to civil penalties in connection with a violation committed by a corporate permittee.

(aa) by June 27, 1997, North Dakota shall revise Chapter II, Section C of its revegetation document to require, prior to stage 3 bond release on land reclaimed for use as prime farmland, the permittee demonstrate restoration of productivity using three crop years.

(bb) By June 27, 1997, North Dakota shall revise Chapter II, Section C in its revegetation document to require tree

and shrub stocking standards that meet all requirements in 30 CFR 816.116(b)(3), including approval by the appropriate State agencies, on land reclaimed for use as recreation.

(cc) By June 27, 1997, North Dakota shall revise its rules at NDAC 69-05.2-19-04.2, "Performance Standards for Disposal of Noncoal Wastes," to include placement and storage standards for all types of noncoal hazardous wastes.

[53 FR 2840, Feb. 2, 1988, as amended at 54 FR 10145, Mar. 10, 1989; 55 FR 1819, Jan. 19, 1990; 57 FR 827, Jan. 9, 1992; 59 FR 11933, Mar. 15, 1994; 59 FR 37431, July 22, 1994; 60 FR 18745, Apr. 13, 1995; 60 FR 36223, July 14, 1995; 62 FR 22895, Apr. 28, 1997]

§ 934.20 Approval of North Dakota abandoned mine plan.

The North Dakota Abandoned Mine Plan as submitted on July 28, 1981, is approved. Copies of the approved program are available at:

Casper Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 100 East B Street, room 2128, Casper, WY 82601-1918; Telephone: (307) 261-5776.

North Dakota Public Service Commission, Abandoned Mine Land Division, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND 58505; Telephone: (701) 224-4096.

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§ 934.25 Approval of North Dakota abandoned mine land reclamation plan amendments.

The following is a list of the dates amendments were submitted to OSM, the dates when the Director's decision approving all, or portions of these amendments, were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and the State citations or a brief description of each amendment. The amendments in this table are listed in order of the date of final publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Original amendment submission date	Date of final publication	Citation/description
March 4, 1983	June 24, 1983	Definition of reclamation terms; right of entry; land acquisition, management, and disposition; other policies and procedures.
September 15, 1987	June 16, 1988	Revision of administrative and management structure of the approved North Dakota Plan.
October 31, 1991	July 27, 1992	NDCC 38-14.2-04, -06.
May 25, 1993	September 27, 1993	Emergency response reclamation program; set-aside trust funds, eligible lands.
September 20, 1995	October 8, 1996	NDCC 38-14.2-03(14); Public Service Commission Procurement and Contract Procedures; PSC policies Nos. 2-01-81(5), 2-02-81(5); PSC organizational structure.

[62 FR 9949, Mar. 5, 1997]

§ 934.30 State-Federal Cooperative Agreement.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

This is a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) between North Dakota (State) acting by and through the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) and the Governor, and the United States Department of the Interior (Interior), acting by and through the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and the Office of Surface Mining (OSM).

ARTICLE I: INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

A. *Authority:* This Agreement is authorized by section 523(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (Federal Act), Pub. L. 95-87, 30 U.S.C. 1273(c), which allows a State with a permanent regulatory program approved under 30 U.S.C. 1253 to elect to enter into an Agreement for the regulation and control of surface coal mining on Federal lands, and by Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, Reclamation of Surface Mined Lands (State Act). This Agreement provides for State regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands within North Dakota consistent with the State and Federal Acts and the Federal lands program (section 523(a) of the Federal Act and 30 CFR Chapter VII, Subchapter D).

B. *Purpose:* The purpose of the Agreement is to: (1) Foster State-Federal cooperation in the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations; (2) eliminate unnecessary intergovernmental overlap and duplication; and (3) provide uniform and effective application of the State Program on all non-Indian lands in North Dakota.

ARTICLE II: EFFECTIVE DATE

Following signing by the Secretary, the Governor, and the Commission, the Agreement shall take effect upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER as a final rule. This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated as provided in Article X.

ARTICLE III: SCOPE

In accordance with the Federal lands program in 30 CFR parts 740-746, the laws, rules, terms, and conditions of North Dakota's Permanent State Program (Program) (conditionally approved effective December 15, 1980, 30 CFR 934.11 or as hereinafter amended in accordance with 30 CFR 732.17) are applicable to Federal lands within North Dakota except as otherwise stated in this Agreement, the Federal Act, 30 CFR 745.13, or

other applicable laws or rules and regulations. Orders and decisions issued by the Commission in accordance with the State Program that are reviewable shall be reviewed pursuant to section 38-14.1-30 of the North Dakota Century Code. Orders and decisions issued by the Department that are appealable shall be appealed to the Department of the Interior's Office of Hearings and Appeals.

ARTICLE IV: REQUIREMENTS FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

The Commission and the Secretary affirm that they will comply with all of the provisions of this Agreement and will continue to meet all the conditions and requirements specified in this Article.

A. *Responsible Administrative Agency:* The Commission is, and shall continue to be, the sole agency responsible for administering this Agreement on behalf of North Dakota on Federal lands throughout the State. OSM shall administer this Agreement on behalf of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations in 30 CFR Chapter VII.

B. *Authority of State Agency:* The Commission has and shall continue to have authority under State law to carry out this Agreement.

C. *Funds:* The State will devote adequate funds to the administration and enforcement on Federal lands in North Dakota of the requirements contained in the Program. If the State complies with the terms of this Agreement, and if necessary funds have been appropriated, OSM shall reimburse the State as provided in section 705(c) of the Federal Act and 30 CFR 735.16, for costs associated with carrying out responsibilities under this Agreement. The grants procedures established in 30 CFR part 735 are applicable to funding under this Agreement. Reimbursement shall be in the form of annual grants, and applications for grants shall be processed and grants awarded in a prompt manner.

If sufficient funds have not been appropriated, OSM and the Commission shall promptly meet to decide on appropriate measures that will insure that surface coal mining and reclamation operations are regulated in accordance with the Program.

D. *Reports and Records:* The Commission shall make annual reports to OSM pursuant to 30 CFR 745.12(d), containing information respecting its implementation and administration of the terms of this Agreement. The Commission and OSM shall exchange, upon request, information developed under this Agreement except where prohibited by Federal law. OSM shall provide the Commission